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Mr. James Rentschler  
NSC Staff  
Room 368, Old EOB

Dear Jim,

I would like to invite you to a small seminar on US-European relations that we are having here at Headquarters on 18 September. As you will see from the enclosed agenda and summary of issues we plan to address, it promises to be a very stimulating day and evening. Along with the discussion leaders, we are inviting about twenty Europeanists from the intelligence community and the State Department. The seminar will be our first step in preparing a short, speculative NIE on the issues later this year. I hope you will join us for as much of the day and evening as your schedule will allow -- we look forward very much to your participation. Could you let us know by 10 September whether we might expect you for lunch and dinner?

Best regards,

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National Intelligence Council Seminar

POLICY ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE IN THE 1980s

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10:00-11:15 The shaping economic and social forces in Europe today and tomorrow

Discussion leaders: Dr. Amitai Etzioni, Dr. Robert Lieber

11:15-12:30 The international context -- Western Europe's global interests and perspectives in the next decade

Discussion leaders: Dr. Andrew Pierre, Dr. George Liska

12:30-1:45 Luncheon: Executive Dining Room

1:45-3:00 The security dimension -- alternative emphases in West European security policies

Discussion leaders: Dr. Stanley Hoffmann, Mr. Helmut Sonnenfeldt

3:00-4:15 Emergent political trends in Europe in the 1980s

Discussion leaders: Dr. Guido Goldman

4:15-5:30 The prospects for "Europe" -- what kind of Western Europe the US will be dealing with in the next decade -- how organized it will be in dealing with its own problems and with the US

Discussion leaders: Dr. Ronald Inglehart, Dr. Peter Katzenstein

5:30-7:00 Cocktails and Dinner: Executive Dining Room

7:00-9:30 Potential areas of conflict and convergence between the US and Western Europe

General discussion

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I. The shaping economic and social forces in Europe today and tomorrow

- will the organization of production, the sharing out of the economic and social product, and economic management have the same overriding importance in the 1980s that they acquired in the 1970s?
- in what ways will the dominating problems (inflation, low growth, access to resources and markets, structural obsolescence) and the potential new advantages (better conservation, new technologies, relative social tranquillity) look different, or, remain essentially the same?
- what will be the dominant trends in the search for more effective approaches to these problems: reassertion of free market principles, social management, neo-corporativism, industrial democracy?
- in what significant ways might new social (or cultural) trends impinge on economic management: e.g., aging populations and generational gaps, retreat from consumerism, quality of life movements, environmental enthusiasms, etc.
- what major divergences could appear among the Europeans as those trends unfold, and with what consequences? might traditional social and economic idiosyncrasies gain new vigor? how would Europeans respond?

II. The international context -- Western Europe's global interests and perspectives in the next decade

- in what ways do we see the changing currents in Europe's internal situation translating into fewer, more, or a different set of interests abroad?
- looking both backward and forward, do the Europeans see their evolving relationships with the rest of the free industrialized world becoming more competitive or more cooperative, or both?
- how do the Europeans perceive developments in the US and in their relations with the US affecting the American dimension in global affairs: a declining but still preeminent factor, competitor but essential partner, recuperable manager of the international system, etc.?